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PHOTO PROCESSING (Eastman vs other facilities)

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Subject: U.S. Capability to Process Photography from COR and the U-2

All duplicates have been processed at Eastman since inception of those programs except for some ~~few~~ immediate field processing required from time to time.

The existence of the Eastman Kodak processing facility stemmed from fact that professional processing was necessary in view of advanced state of the art in order to maximize amount of information obtained ~~from~~ strategic intelligence.

Numbers of duplicates required grew from 5 to 17 for U-2 photography, and from 12 to currently 37 for COR.

Up to present, no competition between the two programs due to way schedules of opnl flts worked out. Recently various complaints led to investigation into whole picture.

Recommendation: that DDR direct the AC/DPD to investigate with USAF(SAC) and USN prospects for emergency use of Westover or Suitland for processing U-2 material; reexamine the long-term plans for maintenance of the Eastman facility as an advanced quality film processing center for exotic recon film, taking account of proper relationships with USAF processing centers, and submit a report on results including procedures for use of COR facilities under continued central management of DPD.

NRO review(s) completed.

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